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## **MULTIPLE GRADED STAKES WINNER BONNY SOUTH TOPS THURSDAY'S GRADE II, \$500,000 FALLS CITY**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021)** – Juddmonte's multiple graded stakes-winning filly **Bonny South** headlines a competitive field of seven fillies and mares that entered the 106<sup>th</sup> running of the \$500,000 Falls City (Grade II), the centerpiece on the 12-race Thanksgiving Day program at Churchill Downs.

The Thanksgiving Day card at Churchill Downs has been a Louisville tradition since 1969. There are more than 7,000 turkey dinners scheduled to be served from executive chef **Dave Danielson** and his team. First post is 11:30 a.m. (all times Eastern) and the 1 1/8-mile Falls City will go as Race 11 at 4:22 p.m.

Trained by **Brad Cox**, Bonny South bypassed the Breeders' Cup Distaff (GI) and stayed at Churchill Downs for the Falls City. The 4-year-old daughter of Munnings finished third in the \$500,000 Spinster (GI) to multiple Grade I winner **Letruska**. Prior to her Spinster effort, Bonny South nearly defeated Letruska in the \$600,000 Personal Ensign (GI) at Saratoga but came up a half-length short. Bonny South finished second in last year's Falls City as the 4-5 favorite to **Three Chimneys Farm** and **Walking L. Thoroughbreds' Envoutante**. Bonny South will be ridden in the Falls City by **Florent Geroux** from post No. 6.

Envoutante is slated to defend her title in the Falls City. The 4-year-old filly by Uncle Mo won the \$150,000 Shawnee Stakes at Churchill Downs in late May. Following her 4 1/4-length victory, the **Kenny McPeck** trainee had back-to-back third-place finishes to Letruska in the \$300,000 Fleur de Lis (GII) and **Shedaresthedevil** in the \$400,000 Locust Grove (GIII). In her most recent start, Envoutante finished fifth in the Spinster. McPeck's go-to rider **Brian Hernandez Jr.** will be in the saddle from post 4.

The Falls City field also includes **Three Diamonds Farm's** \$1 million Cotillion (GI) third-place finisher **Army Wife**; **Lothenbach Stable's** recent seven-length allowance winner **Audrey's Time**; owner/trainer **Ignacio Correas IV's** five-time winner **Cheetara (CHI)**; **WinStar Stablemates Racing's** Locust Grove runner-up **Crystal Ball**; and **G. Watts Humphrey Jr.'s** four-time Churchill Downs winner **High Regard**.

Here is the Falls City field from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): Crystal Ball (Tyler Gaffalione, Rodolphe Brisset); Cheetara (CHI) (Julien Leparoux, Ignacio Correas); High Regard (Rafael Bejarano, Vicki Oliver); Envoutante (Hernandez, McPeck); Army Wife (Joel Rosario, Mike Maker); Bonny South (Geroux, Cox); and Audrey's Time (Corey Lanerie, Neil Pessin).

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**IMPRESSIVE MAIDEN WINNER CLASSIC CAUSEWAY ON TARGET FOR KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB FOLLOWING SWIFT FIVE-FURLONG MOVE IN :59.40 SATURDAY** – Kentucky West Racing and Clark Cooper's eye-catching 6 1/2-length debut winner **Classic Causeway** is on target to be one of the headliners in the \$400,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (Grade II) at Churchill Downs following his swift five-furlong breeze in :59.40 Saturday.

Trained by **Brian Lynch**, Classic Causeway cruised to a front-running victory on debut at Saratoga at odds of 13-1. The chestnut son of the late **Giant's Causeway** finished a tough-luck third in the \$500,000 Breeders' Futurity (GI) last out as the 9-5 favorite.

"He's always been a horse that breaks sharp from the gate," Lynch said. "We knew that going into the debut so it didn't really surprise us he broke on top like he did but it's always a pleasant surprise to see them win that impressively.

"Last out in the Breeders' Futurity, he was hung wide from the gate and he battled pretty hard on the lead through fast fractions. I thought he gamely held on for third after the field closed in on him.

"Going into this start I've been trying to get him to relax a little bit in his training. I've worked him behind horses and in company so he doesn't have to be on the engine."

Classic Causeway is scheduled to be ridden by **Joel Rosario**.

Next Saturday's Kentucky Jockey Club will offer the top four finishers points (10-4-2-1) on the Road to the Kentucky Derby. The 1 1/16-mile race will be drawn Wednesday. Its counterpart, the \$400,000 Golden Rod (GII) also will be drawn on the same day for 2-year-old fillies at 1 1/16 miles. The Golden Rod will award the same scale of points on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks.

**STAKES PROBABLES** – The 132<sup>nd</sup> Fall Meet from Churchill Downs will close with six stakes events over Thanksgiving weekend that will cumulatively award \$2.45 million in purse money. Here are some of the likely starters, according to assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork**:

- The 106<sup>th</sup> running of the \$500,000 Falls City (GII) at 1 1/8 miles for fillies and mares 3-years-old and up (entries taken Saturday): **Audrey's Time** (trainer Neil Pessin); **Bonny South** (Brad Cox); **Crazy Beautiful** (Kenny McPeck); **Crystal Ball** (Rodolphe Brisset); and **Envoutante** (Kenny McPeck).
- The 147<sup>th</sup> running of the \$750,000 Clark presented by Norton Healthcare (GI) at 1 1/8 miles for 3-year-olds and up (entries taken Sunday): **Code of Honor** (Shug McGaughey); **Happy Saver** (Todd Pletcher); **King Fury** (Kenny McPeck); **Maxfield** (Brendan Walsh); **Midnight Bourbon** (Steve Asmussen); and **Militarist** (Carlo Vaccarezza). Possible: **Independence Hall** (Michael McCarthy), **Night Ops** (Brad Cox) and **Plainsman** (Brad Cox).
- The 95<sup>th</sup> running of the \$400,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) at 1 1/16 miles for 2-year-olds (entries taken Wednesday): **Classic Causeway** (Brian Lynch); **Howling Time** (Dale Romans); **Smile Happy** (Kenny McPeck); **Texas Red Hot** (Randy Morse); and **Tiz the Bomb** (Kenny McPeck).
- The 78<sup>th</sup> running of the \$400,000 Golden Rod (GII) at 1 1/16 miles for 2-year-old fillies (entries taken Wednesday): **Famed** (Brad Cox); **Sandstone** (Kenny McPeck); and **Yuugiri** (Rodolphe Brisset).
- The 1<sup>st</sup> running of the \$200,000 Lively Shively at 6 ½ furlongs for 2-year-olds (entries taken Wednesday): **Chattalot** (Steve Asmussen); **Hoist the Gold** (Dallas Stewart); and **Tejano Twist** (Bret Calhoun).
- The 1<sup>st</sup> running of the \$200,000 Fern Creek at 6 ½ furlongs for 2-year-old fillies (entries taken Wednesday): **Bali Del Sol** (Rusty Arnold); **Matareya** (Brad Cox); and **Verylittlecents** (Randy Morse).

**TV SCHEDULE** – Racing from Churchill Downs will air each race day on the Churchill Downs LIVE app. The app is available free of charge on streaming services such as Amazon, Apple TV and Roku. Most races also will be covered on the Fox Sports family of networks as part of “America’s Day at the Races.” Here is the updated TV schedule for racing this week:

- Saturday: 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fox Sports 2
- Sunday: 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fox Sports 2 | 4-5:30 p.m. Fox Sports 1

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – Racing continued Saturday at Churchill Downs for an 11-race program that began at 1 p.m. There was a \$103,013 jackpot carryover in the 20-cent Derby City 6 that spanned Races 6-11. ... Undefeated Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) contender **Howling Time** worked five furlongs in 1:00 Saturday at Churchill Downs. The colt is one of the top contenders for the 1 1/16-mile race following his impressive 3 ¼-length victory in last month’s \$200,000 Street Sense. ... For more information about the Fall Meet, visit [www.churchilldowns.com](http://www.churchilldowns.com).

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